

Introduced by Senator SherFebruary 14, 2003

An act to amend Section 15007 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 245, as introduced, Sher. Fish.

Existing law provides that provisions in the Fish and Game Code relating to aquaculture do not permit ocean ranching, as defined. A violation of the code is a crime under existing law.

This bill would delete that provision and, instead, make it unlawful to spawn, incubate, or cultivate any finfish in the ocean waters of the state. By changing the definition of an existing crime this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15007 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 15007. ~~Except as specifically authorized in Chapter 10~~
- 4 ~~(commencing with Section 15900), nothing in this division~~



1 ~~permits ocean ranching.~~ *It is unlawful to spawn, incubate, or*
2 *cultivate any finfish, including, but not limited to, anadromous*
3 *fish, in the ocean waters of this state.*

4 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
5 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
6 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
7 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
8 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
9 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
10 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
11 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
12 Constitution.

